

LOS OSOS WASTEWATER PROJECT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works



"..to assist in the development of a Pro/Con analysis of Project alternatives, receive public input, and make recommendations to the Board (of Supervisors) on that Pro/Con analysis...." TAC Bylaws Purpose and Authority

TAC Community Meeting Monday, January 7, 2008 – 12:00 PM County Government Center, Room 161 – 1055 Monterey Street – San Luis Obispo

Public Input Slips

If you have a question or wish to speak either on a specific item on the agenda or in general comment, please fill out a slip and hand it to a member of the Project Team staff.

Please make sure that your questions or comments are on topics within the subject matter of the TAC.

Written questions and comments will be considered during our general discussions. Questions to the Project Team will be responded to as time permits.

Agenda

TAC Business

Opening Comments from the Chairman

Item 1: Accept Minutes from previous meetings—December 3, 2007

Item 2: Discussion of role of the TAC as requested by the County Project Team including required changes to the by-laws

Item 3: General Public Comment

Adjourn meeting at 2:30 PM

TAC meeting must be a place for open dialog leading to the successful development of a comprehensive PRO/CON analysis on the various project alternatives. We agree and acknowledge that this process demands time and patience and the engagement of the community.

As volunteers working on behalf of the entire community, we will develop this analysis based on clear, objective, and accurate information. We encourage input and participation from the community and have the following meeting expectations:

- *We expect all participants to avoid creating opportunities for harassment, intimidation and conflict. Constructive dialog is not possible with interruptions and distractions.*
- *We will listen and ask for the clarification and accuracy of statements.*
- *We will respond as appropriate so that the flow of information is constructive and informative.*
- *We will present the agenda items and commit to staying on topic so that our meetings are productive and provide information for consideration.*



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TO: Los Osos Wastewater Project Technical Advisory Committee

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DATE: January 7, 2008

SUBJECT: Year 2008 Review of Project Options

Recommendation

It is our recommendation that this Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) continue to act on the following items in the year 2008, in accordance with the approved bylaws:

1. Review upcoming project information and technical memoranda to be developed by the Project Team; and
2. Refine and conduct additional analysis on the pros and cons of project options; and
3. Inform, and seek input from the community on the project options.

Discussion

The TAC was formed in December, 2006, as the County was preparing to assume the development of the Los Osos Wastewater Project under Assembly Bill 2701. The TAC's responsibilities are primarily focused with the review of project options. A pro/con analysis of project options was assigned as the "first priority," with several other related responsibilities to be conducted in the period leading up to the community advisory survey. The plan to develop a pro/con analysis recognized the division and emotion surrounding the project. Focusing on the pros and cons of each option, without developing recommendations, allowed varying viewpoints to be heard and considered.

The TAC successfully completed their initial pro/con analysis prior to the Proposition 218 proceedings. By completing the analysis prior to this important property owner funding decision the TAC provided the community with objective information regarding the relative

impacts of each project option and allowed for an informed property owner vote. This milestone was reached because the TAC was especially conscious not to develop project recommendations, nor to deviate from their "first priority" prior to its completion.

Proposition 218 assessments were approved by property owners in October, 2007, with an 80% majority. The County's project efforts now enter the next phase of work with the development of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), more detailed technical analysis through technical memoranda and other reports, and conducting a community advisory survey. A draft project schedule is attached, which illustrates the release of several technical memoranda per month in the first half of 2008 and the draft EIR in August, 2008, followed by the community advisory survey.

The TAC bylaws establish the responsibility of the TAC to review project options "through the period in time leading up to the community advisory [survey]," and the review of the project options analyzed in the technical memoranda will be a critical element of community involvement. This ongoing review will provide a public forum for sharing project information, evaluating the pros and cons of project options, and allow community input on the project.

The community advisory survey was planned to take place in the first half of 2008, and the TAC bylaws specify a sunset date of June 30, 2008. Recent project planning has made it evident that the community advisory survey will not be completed until the second half of 2008 to coincide with the release of the draft EIR. County staff plans to return to the Board of Supervisors prior to June 30, 2008, with an amendment to the bylaws to remove the specific sunset date and allow the TAC to serve until such time as determined by the Board of Supervisors.

Results

The TAC's review of project alternatives will help provide objective information to the Community of Los Osos.

Attachment: Draft Project Schedule

File: CF 310.85.02 Los Osos Wastewater Treatment Plant

DRAFT: December 12, 2007

